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In view of the multitude of data available nowadays which can be retrieved for example via computer networks such as the Internet, systems and methods are ever more ~~fallen back on~~ relied upon that automatically process electronic documents in accordance with their content. In this respect, methods are known that classify a document in accordance with its content.

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This object is achieved by

a system ~~as claimed in claim 1~~, for processing electronic documents, comprising:

- input means for inputting at least an input document (D1) and reference data (D2),
- analysis means (16) for analyzing the content of the input document (D1) as regards a content-based relation between the input document (D1) and the reference data (D2),
- selection means for selecting a type of linkage from a number of predefined types of linkages, a type of linkage being selected that corresponds to the type of content-based relation between the input document (D1) and the reference data (D2),
- and output means for outputting a linkage (L) of the selected type.

a method ~~as claimed in claim 11~~ for processing documents in which:

- at least one input document (D1) and reference data (D2) are processed,
- the input document (D1) being analyzed with respect to its content and a decision being made whether there is a content-based relation between the input document (D1) and the reference data (D2),

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- for the case of a content-based relation a type of linkage being selected from a number of types of linkages in accordance with the type of content-based relation between the input document (D1) and the reference data (D2),
- and a linkage of the selected type is established.

and a program ~~as claimed in claim 12~~ for executing the method. Dependent claims relate to advantageous embodiments of the invention.